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TAKE THE TIMES WITH YOU.

Summer Outings Will Not Be Enjoyed Unless It Goes Along.
The summer time of pleasure and health-seeking has set in toward mountains, springs and seashore. No plans for the season's outing will be complete unless The Times is included among the necessities. Men and women may go from town to town, to the seashore, to the mountains, and to the springs, but those who would keep their finger on the public pulse, or be abreast of the world's happenings, or, indeed, who would a golden link between themselves and the whirligig of time, those must have The Times. It is their companion on the seashore, in the mountains, and in the city.

LIGHT OR CLOSE THE PARKS.

The Times most earnestly and sincerely protests against the lack of both watchmen and lights in our public reservations after nightfall.

Col. Wilson, Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds, has at two different times asked Congress for a sufficient appropriation to light Lafayette Square, Franklin Park and the Smithsonian grounds, and he might also have added Lincoln Park, which also needs attention.

Possibly those of our citizens who would see these places in the night do not comprehend the necessity of protecting them from the intrusion of midnight marauders. By reason of their darkness they are made the rendezvous of burglars, criminals, and other objectionable characters. If properly lighted and guarded these beautiful spaces would be delightful promenades and resting places in which to enjoy the beauties of our summer nights.

Rather than permit them in their present condition to be made resorts for lawless and lawless practices, it would be better to close them to the public after dark. This, at least, could be done by the proper authorities, and when Congress meets again an effort should be made to have them reopened under more favorable auspices.

Let this question be taken up by public-spirited citizens.

NEEDS SITTING UPON.

When a community has to depend for guidance on a law that is older than the country where it is in force it must be conceded that there has been little progress in law-making. And this is a fact with the large governing bodies of the District of Columbia, which, for the information of readers, is published in another column.

It was enacted A. D. 1276, the year of the reign of King Edward the First, of England, and for a long time the laws of the Colonies by more than 200 years.

If Congress' laws were as thick-headed in the time of King Edward as they are now, such a law would be a dead letter so far as the intelligent understanding of its requirements is concerned. Washington has a brilliant example of such stupidity in the Greening case, and were it not for the fact that it might be suggested that a jury of Merry England's ancient chieftains have rendered a more satisfactory verdict.

Sometimes when the overworked intellect of our corner will permit it would be well for him to summon a jury and sit on it on a case that has been tried in the past. A full and right examination of the law is enough in it to warrant, he should make it to memory for future use and not make any more Greening blunders. At all events the public is entitled to the knowledge of how the law came by its death, if dead to all intents and purposes. And one of our corner's verdicts would waste it beyond all doubt.

IT IS A DISMAL FAILURE.

Probably the most humiliating flunk-out known in the history of the Board of Trade has been the Alexandria county prosecution. After weeks of committee meetings and brass-band search for evidence to convict offenders and some pompous bluster as to the sincerity of Gov. O'Ferrall the attempt to assist the law and order people of Alexandria county to suppress the lawless element, has terminated in an inglorious, melancholy fizzle.

It has been one of those steps to the end, which, if followed up to the end, would lead all concerned somewhere near the beginning of the world.

The failure of this effort to free Washington from the influence of the thug fraternity will no doubt be attributed to Gov. O'Ferrall. That worthy gentleman and excellent politician made profuse promises to the committee in charge. But his promises had wings, that they might return to the giver, and they are probably now safely housed, to be used on a similar occasion.

The Times insisted on Gov. O'Ferrall's sincerity when the committee returned from Richmond, and claimed that would be the end of the prosecution so far as he was concerned. Now, is the Board of Trade also through with the affair, or will it

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give assistance to another attempt to free Alexandria county from its gambler rule? Let us hear from the committee.

IT IS IMMENSELY POPULAR.

The wonderful success of The Evening Times is an apt illustration of popular journalism.

Not only has its sales been remarkably large, but it has also increased the demand for the morning edition.

It will not be very many weeks before both editions of The Times will be necessary to every Washington household, because they contain all the news without old foggy verbiage or obsolete methods of publication.

The plan of delivering a mammoth newspaper in two editions, one in the morning and the other in the evening, will prove immensely popular. Newspaper readers do not care to wait twenty-four hours for information on foreign, domestic and local topics, and as The Times reaches them twice each day it is sure to be the favorite. And what need be another inducement in its price—50 cents a month for both editions delivered by carrier.

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own nearly \$40,000,000 of State bank capital.

It may be taken for granted that it will not be long before women, who rejoice in the possession of \$130,000,000 of national bank capital, will demand that they be permitted to take an active part in the management and direction of these institutions, the more that it is probable that their holdings will increase with the years. Even if the national banking system were to be modified or changed or give way to something else, the women would remain a potent factor by reason of their investments.

Women as bank officers or directors will be a novelty, but it may be taken for granted that in proportion to their appointment to such positions of trust will be the decrease of bank wrecks by presidents or defalcation by cashiers.

Brooklyn is a counterfeiter of the most genuine stamp.

Stand firm, Bowler!

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PRIZES TO SCIENTISTS

Hodgkins' Offer of \$10,000 Goes to Discoverers of Argon.

GAVE \$200,000 TO BE USED

Lord Rayleigh and Prof. Ramsay the Successful Competitors for the First Place—The Second Prize of \$2,000 Was Not Awarded—Dr. Varigay Receives \$1,000.

The Hodgkins prize of \$10,000 for the best treatise embodying some new and important discovery regarding the nature and properties of atmospheric air, probably the most important prize ever offered in America, has been awarded to John William Strutt, Rayleigh, baron, professor of experimental physics at the University of Cambridge, England, and William Ramsay, professor of chemistry, University College, London, for their work upon the discovery of argon, the new element of air.

At the same time with the large awards the results of the \$2,000 and \$10,000 prizes were made known, and the names of persons to whom awards were made as deserving honorable mention. It is also announced that a superb gold medal will henceforth be awarded for eminent service in this line. The gold in the medal will be worth \$700.

COMMITTEE OF AWARD.
The Smithsonian Institution is the agency through which the prizes were offered. The committee of award consists of S. P. Langley, Secretary of the Smithsonian, ex-officio; Dr. G. Brown Goode, appointed by Secretary Langley; Assistant Surgeon General John S. Billings, from the National Academy of Sciences; Dr. Mark W. Harrison, late chief of the Weather Bureau, from the Weather Bureau; and a representative of the French Academy of Sciences, and Wm. von Bezold, director of the German Meteorological Service.

Prof. von Helmholtz and Huxley were successively members of the committee. The committee of award was organized for the advancement of science, with a foreign advisory committee composed of M. Janssen, of the French Academy of Sciences, and Wm. von Bezold, director of the German Meteorological Service.

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